

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Sheriff - Coroner	(2) MEETING DATE 4/1/2014	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Ian Parkinson/781-4540	
(4) SUBJECT Request to authorize a budget adjustment in the amount of \$136,474 from the Federal Asset Forfeiture Trust Fund to Sheriff-Coroner Fund Center (FC) 136 to purchase a side scan sonar; purchase a use of force simulator; a 50hp outboard engine for Sheriff's pontoon boat; and a portable restroom and amend the Fixed Asset List in Fund Center 136 - Sheriff-Coroner. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Authorize a budget adjustment in the amount of \$136,474 from the Federal Asset Forfeiture Trust Fund (3308500000) to Sheriff-Coroner Fund Center (FC) 136 by 4/5 vote of the Board to purchase a side scan sonar; purchase a use of force simulator; a 50hp outboard engine for Sheriff's pontoon boat; and a portable restroom and 2. Amend the Fixed Asset List for the Sheriff's Office to include the side scan sonar in the amount of \$34,600; the use of force simulator in the amount of \$78,224; 50hp outboard engine in the amount of \$8,650; and a portable restroom in the amount of \$15,000 for a total of \$136,474. 			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Asset Forfeiture	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$136,474	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? No
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: 1314107 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Geoffrey O'Quest, Administrative Analyst			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sheriff - Coroner / Ian Parkinson/781-4540

DATE: 4/1/2014

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

The Asset Forfeiture Program began in 1984 with the passage of the Comprehensive Crime Control Act. This Act has become a very powerful tool for targeting criminals, who prey on the vulnerable for financial gain, including drug dealers and white collar criminals. One of the most important provisions of asset forfeiture is the authorization to share the proceeds of federal forfeitures with cooperating state and local law enforcement agencies.

The Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program not only serves to deter crime, but also provides valuable supplemental resources to state and local law enforcement agencies. Permissible uses of the funds provided by the program include law enforcement equipment, drug and gang education and awareness programs and the expenses from the purchase, lease, construction and expansion of law enforcement or detention facilities.

It is not permissible to use funds from the program to pay for the salaries and benefits of current, permanent enforcement personnel, or for education related costs, food and beverage, or for any use that creates the appearance that shared funds are being used for political or personal uses.

Based on those guidelines for permissible use, the following items will be purchased with Asset Forfeiture Funds:

1. \$34,600 for a Side Scan Sonar - The Sheriff's Office Marine Sonic Side Scan Sonar system is approximately 15 years old. It was designed around a desk top tower computer system using Windows 98. This computer system is large and awkward to set up and operate on a vessel. Besides the computer tower, we must set up a monitor, keyboard and mouse. The Windows operating system is old, no longer supported and the computer does not have enough memory

storage to handle the data from a large scale search. The transfer of data from this system is limited to CDs as there are no data ports.

Newer sonar systems utilize a laptop computer that is more portable and can be easily used on a vessel. The new system would have a current operating system and increased memory to support large operations. The transfer of data from this device for review at a later time or location would be simplified. The new system operates at a higher screen resolution and therefore would provide more detailed sonar image. One of the greatest advantages of the system is that it could be operated by most personnel with only a minimal amount of training.

2. \$78,224 for a use of Force Simulator - In Fiscal Year 2012-13, local law enforcement received Homeland Security Grant approval for \$150,000 to purchase a new use of force simulator. The simulator that we identified is a five screen system that allows a 300 degree view of a scene and any potential threats. This simulator is a unique and very advanced system that requires the Sheriff to commit additional money from asset forfeiture in order to complete the purchase for county wide Law Enforcement use. The device costs approximately \$228,224. This simulator will allow local law enforcement to train on different levels of force, including verbal commands, pepper spray, taser and firearms. This new age system will enhance reality based training for all local law enforcement in the county and replace the Sheriff's Office current system which is aged and beyond repair.
3. \$8,650 for a 50hp outboard engine for the Sheriff's pontoon boat - The Sheriff's Sweetwater 24RE pontoon boat is used as the Dive Team's primary dive platform for operations on local lakes. This stable platform is perfect for the use of the side scan sonar when search operations are needed on the lakes. The pontoon boat is currently outfitted with a Mercury 50 horse power engine that is 14 years old and has had many problems over the last few years due to its age. The current engine is a four stroke model that uses a carburetor fuel system which has become unreliable and is beyond repair. The older unreliable status of the engine as well as the inability to have certain parts repaired necessitates the replacement of the engine at an approximate cost of \$6,650 and \$2,000 for installation.
4. \$15,000 for a Portable Restroom - The Sheriff's office currently has a two-person portable restroom unit that is used by Search and Rescue and other deployments for extended periods of time in areas where no facilities are available. Our current portable restrooms are old and are in need of replacement. The new system also includes sinks for sanitary hand washing.

These purchases meet the Federal Asset forfeiture purchasing guidelines.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

General Services Agency was consulted for price quotes

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The requested \$136,474 in costs will be offset by revenue of \$136,474 from the Federal Asset Forfeiture Trust Fund and will have no impact on the Sheriff's budgeted level of General Fund support. The outboard engine will be a replacement and service costs are already in the Sheriff's Office budget.

RESULTS

The purchases outlined above will enhance the capabilities of the Sheriff's Office which contributes to the County's community-wide goals of a Safe Community: "The County will strive to create a community where all people--adults and children alike--have a sense of security and well-being, crime is controlled, fire and rescue response is timely, and roads are safe."